

M. Accreditation

1. Recognized Accrediting Agencies

The State Board of Education only recognizes accreditation by the six (6) regional accrediting associations and those national accrediting associations which are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The six (6) regional accrediting associations are:

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

2. Recognition as Accredited Institution

Any institution that wishes to be recognized as an accredited institution must submit to the Executive Director at least ten (10) days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting documentation showing its accreditation status with an accrediting organization recognized by the Board. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying the institution's submission and making a recommendation to the Board.

3. Institutional Reports

A copy of the self-study completed by an institution under governance of the Board will be submitted to the Office of the State Board of Education upon request. A copy of the final report and recommendations from the accrediting agency must be submitted by the institution to the Office of the State Board of Education for review prior to institutional submission to the Board. The Board's Executive Director or his or her designee will be the Board's representative during all accreditation studies.

The chief executive officer of the institution will inform the Office of the State Board annually, through the Executive Director, of any impending accreditation reviews.